

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of General Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on TUESDAY 15th June 2010

in HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm

Present:-

Mr. P. Chandler	PC	Chairman
Mr. B. Easom	BE	Vice Chairman
Mr. I. Wilkie	IW	
Mrs. S. Penton	SP	Parish Clerk

Also present –County Councillor Peter Downes (PD) and District Councillor Jonathan Gray (JG) and one member of the public

100615-1 APOLOGIES – Mrs. D. Salter (DS), Mrs. S. Buchanan (SB) and Mr. M. Frank (MF)

100615-2 MEMBERS’ DECLARATION of INTEREST for items on the agenda.

PC declared a Personal Interest in Item 13 as his wife has an interest in the plot of land adjacent to the site the Parish Council has purchased for the new burial ground.

100615-3 TO APPROVE and SIGN MINUTES of the AGM of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th May and Planning Committee Minutes of 24th May 2010.

Both sets of Minutes were accepted as a true record. All in favour.

100615-4 MATTERS ARISING

Procedural Documents – Eq. Op., H&S and Risk Man. All updated to reflect ‘reviewed with no changes’ at last meeting.

Fin. Regs. also no changes at last meeting but have to be reviewed re. Internet Banking. PC to liaise with SP. SOs – SP requests that Planning ‘Sub- Committee’ is changed to ‘Committee’ as recommended by CALC – There has to be a ‘Committee’ before there can be a ‘sub-committee’. Agreed. All in favour

The meeting was close for the next item

100615-5 OPEN FORUM – for all members of the public and press present including District and County Councillors.

PD congratulated the Parish Council on the Playing Field improvements. It is a very good example with a wide range of equipment suitable for all ages.

He then went on to report that this is a difficult time in financial terms. Any expectancies from the County Council will not happen and that the Parish Councils must make things happen for themselves. The capacity to raise Council Tax is frozen. However, so far, the Parish Council Precept is not being capped.

He also reported that the Federation of Longsands is going ahead.

JG reiterated the seriousness of the financial situation. However, it is expected that Refuse Collection and other services such as Leisure Centres will continue to be funded.

The Gypsy and Traveller Statement and associated Consultation was discussed.

The meeting was then re-opened

100615-6 CASUAL VACANCY

- Vacancy Notice displayed on 19th May. 14 working days’ notice expired at midnight on 9th June. Letter of confirmation received from HDC that no election has been called and, therefore the position can be filled by co-option at this meeting.
- SP has received one application and the applicant has been provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct.

Signed by the Chairman.....P. Chandler.....

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- The applicant is Mr. Nigel Burdett and was present at the meeting. He confirmed his willingness to be co-opted and the Chairman welcomed him to the meeting.
- Mr. Burdett was duly co-opted and invited to join the Parish Council at the table. All in favour.
- He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He will be issued with a copy of Standing Orders and a form for declaring financial interests after the meeting.
- At a later date Mr. Burdett will be provided with a copy of all other procedural documents.

100615-7 DI SALTER’S SICKNESS LEAVE – Review of long-term absence. It was agreed that **BE** would follow this up with both Di and her husband in order to ascertain whether or not Di wishes to return to her Parish Council duties.

100615-8 PLANNING

(i) Enforcement Cases Update

(a) 3 Green Lane

It had been reported to **BE** that the occupier was in the process of constructing two additional entrances to the property. In view of previous issues regarding vehicular entrances, **BE** requested the Highways Dept. to inspect the site and to advise the occupier of any Highway Authority requirements.

Planning Enforcement had reported that they were awaiting an application for retention of two self-contained units at the property and that parking provision would be one of the key considerations.

(b) Kym Stables - Planning Enforcement had reported that attempts to make contact had failed, but a letter was to be sent after mid June.

(ii) Planning Applications update – HDC decisions on applications already considered by the Parish Council.

100615-9 FORD END FOOTBRIDGE & FORD – **BE** reported that there is still a steady deterioration of the surface through the ford and ramps in and out. It is part of Highway and not the responsibility of the Parish Council. **BE** was requested to bring the state of the Ford to the attention of the Highways Authority.

100615-10 POLICING MATTERS – **NB** reported that there is interest among some residents to set up a Neighbourhood Watch working party. **SP** to contact the PCSOs with a view to another presentation being held. The last one attracted very little interest. There is a need for a few co-ordinators to cover the whole village.

100615-11 VILLAGE HALL – The new chairs are now in place.

100615-12 PLAY AREA

(i) Transaction Report from commencement of project distributed to all prior to the meeting.

(ii) RoSPA Safety Inspection Report for Playing Field:-

The rope on the multiactivity unit had been shortened and 2 swings had been replaced in compliance with RoSPA requirements.

Also the bottom step of the multiactivity unit had been removed to prevent very young children from climbing on it.

Slight modification to ladder on Trim Trail recommended.

(iii) Appointment of Playing Field Supervisor – Item to be included in the Newsletter. **BE** had drafted a Job Specification. It was agreed that this would be taken into consideration when reviewing the Budget.

(iv) The Launch Day held on 6th June was a very successful event. Ashley List of Cambridgeshire County Council Play Pathfinder attended and was very impressed with how many people were there. There were at least 140 adults and children for most of the afternoon and it was estimated that at least 200 people had attended throughout the event.

(v) Two toilets had been hired for the event and authority was requested for the retention of one for the summer up to beginning of September. The cost will be £18 per week and includes cleaning and provision of consumables.

This was authorised. All in favour.

(vi) Funding applications to BIFFA and COMMA had been unsuccessful. Details of other potential funding sources had been supplied by Ashley List of Play Pathfinder, which will be followed up.

(vii) **PC** and **BE** to liaise re. future revenue costs.

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